

Public Health Council

Executive Committee

Friday, September 11, 2015
1 West Wilson, Room 250-D
9:00 – 10:00a.m.

Executive Committee: Bill Keeton, Mary Dorn, Dr. Gary Gilmore
Excused: Dr. Darlene Weis
Div. of Public Health Staff: Tasha Jenkins, María M. Flores

July 17, 2015 Minutes Review and Approval

- Dr. Gary Gilmore moved to accept the minutes with the caveat that he will discuss minor changes with María M. Flores.
- Mary Dorn seconded, making sure that the three items mentioned on page 2, half-way down were addressed.
- Minutes were approved

SB 218 Review and Resolution

- Dr. Gary Gilmore stated that any intent to take or not take a position is good intent, but there are other measures in place and upcoming including worksite policies and accreditation (i.e., medical accreditation/credentialing) that address this issue.
- Mary Dorn stated that part of this issue is that health care organizations are saying that if the reimbursement rates will be tied to how many shots they provide, then they can't get the maximum reimbursement.
- Bill Keeton stated that this is a policy of hospitals in Milwaukee. It requires different expectations. There is a good public health reason these policies are in place.
- Mary Dorn stated that she believes there will be a lot of action against this, and this may be a fundamental issue for the Council; it is not a step forward for public health.
- Dr. Gary Gilmore recommended moving ahead with the action and taking a stand as this is an inherent part of what the Council does.

Bill Keeton asked if a letter should be drafted to the Chair of the Health and Human Services committees? Neither committee has it scheduled for action, and there may be value for the Public Health Council to weigh in.

- Mary Dorn made a motion to draft a formal resolution for the Council in opposition of SB218.

- Dr. Gary Gilmore seconded the motion only to get it on the table for discussion at the next Council meeting. Careful steps need to be taken, and he does not want the importance of vaccinations to be misinterpreted.

Mary Dorn stated that the CDC does a good job on communicating the value and importance of protecting individuals at highest risk. If a resolution is drafted, the focus should be on the importance of vaccinations. Health care providers take an oath to protect those they serve. She seconded a development of draft.

Bill Keeton made a motion to draft a resolution in opposition to SB218 that clearly reflects the process to opposition.

Dr. Gary Gilmore stated that any resolution should be so clear that anyone who reads it understands the intention of the Council.

Bill Keeton stated that with regard to other legislation of interest: the Senate Health and Human Services Committee recently held hearings. The Assembly Committee on Health held a hearing, there was much testimony; next week the Committee will host an Executive Session. There may be a vote later this year in the Assembly.

340B Federal Discounting Drug Program

This bill may be more narrowly defined through changes who this would affect, primarily STD and family planning clinics.

Dr. Gary Gilmore stated that Council members would need more information and context on the way this is worded, the Title X process and distribution.

Bill Keeton stated that this would be appropriate for the Council to weigh in on at some point; he will refer it to the Council's Public Affairs Committee. Mary Dorn stated that the WPHA-WALHDAB Joint Public Affairs Committee Chair may be able to provide some information on those deliberations.

BYLAWS

After the following tweaks are made, the revised Bylaws should go into the agenda packet for the October meeting.

- Mary Dorn stated that the wording from the August 17, 2015 answers from the Office of Legal Counsel should be used with relation to the duties of the Secretary.
- The duties need to change to "Secretary shall keep official record."
 - Dr. Gary Gilmore stated that if the Office of Legal Counsel is making recommendations, those should be followed. Bill Keeton stated that it

should then read that the Secretary should keep the official minutes and records of Council.

- Dr. Gary Gilmore stated that the official handoff does not need to be documented in the Bylaws, but document the actual process. Mary Dorn and María M. Flores will work on this
- Removal of members: The office of Legal Counsel recommended that the Council could recommend a member be removed.
- The recommendation should be made to the DHS Secretary. Change to “the Council may request the Secretary of the Department of Health Services remove a member.”

Dr. Gary Gilmore moved to approve the Bylaws with the emendation above to be reviewed by the full Council for adoption.

Mary Dorn seconded.

October Council Meeting Agenda

- Division updates
- Pending legislation should be given a good chunk of time for education of Council members and background. Perhaps 45 minutes.
- Perhaps someone in the Department or a subject matter expert can discuss 340B Federal Discounting Drug Program and Family Planning Clinic funding bills.
- One-half hour to go thru the Council business: bylaws and approval of minutes.
- Tasha Jenkins will give any updates on the Mid-Course Review.
- Mary Dorn asked if there should be any updates on the Data Pilot project.
- Department staff updates should be given in the morning.
- Update on the status of the Minority Health program.
- Reserve at least 20 minutes for lunch – no working lunch.

After lunch the invited guests should discuss pending or upcoming legislation. Dr. Gary Gilmore asked that no agenda items be inserted prior to this discussion.